

By the King and Queen,



CCCCXLIII

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Prohibiting the Importation of all sorts of Manufactures and Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of *France*.

WILLIAM R.



Whereas this Our Kingdom of England hath for many Years received great Damage by the extraordinary Importation and Consumption of French Commodities, whereby the Bullion and Coyn of this Kingdom paid for the same is Exported, and the Use and Consumption of the Goods and Manufactures of the proper Growth of this Realm is hindered and lessened, to the great Prejudice of the Artificers and Handicraftes within this Kingdom, and the general Impoverishment of the same; We desiring to avoid the said Mischiefs, and to increase and encourage the Wealth and Manufacture of Our own Subjects, do Declare Our Royal Pleasure to be, and do hereby straitly Charge and Command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, from any after the Sixteenth day of May now next coming, directly or indirectly, Import or Bring, or cause or procure to be Imported or Brought into this Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, any Wines, Brandy,

Silk, Linen Cloth, Paper, or any other Wares, Merchandizes or Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of France, or of any the Lands, Territories or Places in the Dominions or Possession of the French King, upon Pain of Our high Displeasure, and of the Loss and Forfeiture of all and every such Wines, Wares, Merchandizes and Commodities as shall be so Imported, and to incur such other Penalties and Punishments as by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm may justly be Inflicted on them, for Contempt or Neglect of Our Royal Commands herein; And We do also hereby straitly Charge, Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, That they and every of them do from and after the Twenty fifth day of January next ensuing, wholly forbear, directly or indirectly, to Buy, Bargain, Contract for, Sell or Utter any sort or sorts of Wines, Wares, Linens, Goods, Merchandizes or Commodities of the Growth or Manufacture of the said Kingdom, upon Pain of the Seizure, Loss, and Forfeiture of the same, and to be further Proceeded against as Contemners of Our Royal Will and Pleasure herein Declared: And We do hereby Authorize and Require all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, and other Our Officers, Ministers, and Loving Subjects, That they and every of them, when and as often as they, or any of them shall be requested in that behalf, be Aiding and Assisting from time to time in the due Execution of the Premises. And further, That all Our Customs, Collectors Searchers, Waiters, and all other Our Officers and Ministers in Our Port of London, and all other Our Ports, Havens and Creeks within this Our Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and all others whom it may concern, do from time to time take care to Search for and Seize as Forfeit, as well all such Wines, Wares, Merchandizes and Commodities of the Growth, Production and Manufacture aforesaid, as shall from and after the said Sixteenth day of May be Imported, Conveyed or Brought into any Our said Ports, Harbours or Creeks, as all other Wines, Wares, Linens, Goods, Merchandizes and Commodities of the Growth or Manufacture aforesaid at any time Imported, which shall after the said Five and twentieth day of January be Bought, Sold, or any way Uttered, Disposed or Traded in. And this shall be their Warrant and Discharge in that behalf.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Twenty fifth Day of *April*, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

God Save King WILLIAM and Queen MARY.

L O N D O N,

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